

Remarks

New Fig. 15 (Sheet 11) has been added in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation in paragraph 4 of the Notice of Allowability. This figure schematically shows a compression sleeve (19) including the first connector (12), a pressurized fluid source (23), and a controller (27) with instructions providing a timed sequence of the pressurized fluid to a compression sleeve. Paragraph 62 has been amended to provide reference numerals for the pressurized fluid source and the controller. It is noted that the use of a timed sequence for the operation of the type of apparatus to which the described embodiment of the present invention generally relates is disclosed in paragraph 8 of the original disclosure. No new matter is being introduced.

Accordingly, in as much as the above amendment is for the purpose of improving the form of the application, entry thereof is respectfully requested under the provisions of Rule 1.312.

Respectfully submitted,

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